

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-23 Building Date: 1880

Building Name: Blackman House

Location: 4108 Crittenden Street, Hyattsville, Maryland

Public/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Blackman House is a two-story gable roof frame dwelling of "T" shaped plan, situated on a corner lot facing Crittenden Road. The south (main) facade has a 2 x 1 bay central projecting gable wing, with 2/2 floor-to-ceiling windows on the first story. A circular window is centered at attic level. A three-bay hipped roof entrance porch wraps around the east and west sides of the wing. The porch has an open-work cornice composed of wooden members in an "X" design. The turned support posts, plain wooden balustrade and porch floor are new. The porch shelters the two front entrances, located on the main block. The horizontal vinyl siding on the house covers the original wood siding. The foundation is of brick. The boxed, crown molded cornice was altered with the addition of the siding. The roof is asphalt shingle. The southeast corner of the two-bay east gable end was removed, creating a right angle indentation. There is a circular window in the indented area. The one-bay west gable end has an interior stove chimney at the gable ridge. The four-bay north (rear) facade shows evidence of the alterations and additions made to the building. The central rear entrance is an original door with two upper vertical lights, three lower wood panels, and a wide board surround. A three bay shed roof rear porch has a cornice similar to that on the front porch. The last bay is in a two story, one bay flat roof projecting addition. The interior of the house has been altered and modernized. Original door and window surrounds were retained. The stair has a heavy turned newel post and turned balusters. Doorways have transoms and the second story has a convex, curved wall, apparently an original feature.

Significance

The Blackman House is significant as one of the early houses in the Hyatts Addition to Hyattsville subdivision, platted 1873. Israel and Sara Jane Libbey of Washington, D.C., acquired Lots 1 and 2 in the subdivision in 1878 and sold them, with improvements, in 1880. The house is located on Lot 1. It has had a succession of short term owner through its history. It was assessed for increasing improvement value from 1880 through 1909, meaning that built improvements were being added. The house has had several substantial additions over its history. The house is significant as an example of a Victorian style suburban house. It has sustained substantial alteration, however the retention of original windows and porches and interior doors has maintained the house as a contributor to the Victorian character of this residential section of Hyattsville.

Acreage: 8,400 square feet

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Blackman House (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 4108 Crittenden Street ___ not for publication

city, town Hyattsville ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county P.G.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James Blackman

street & number 4108 Crittenden St., telephone no.:

city, town Hyattsville state and zip code Md. 20781

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5646

street & number Main St., folio 808

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title NA

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. 68-23

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Blackman House is a two-story gable roof frame dwelling of a roughly "T" shaped plan. It is situated on a corner lot facing Crittenden Road to its immediate north, and is surrounded by a residential suburb.

The south (main) facade is dominated by a two-by-one-bay central projecting gable wing, forming the "T" of the building's plan. The two-bay south gable end of the wing has 2/2 double-hung-sash windows with floor-to-ceiling windows on the first story. A circular window is centered in the gable end at attic level.

A three-bay hipped roof entrance porch crosses the first story and wraps around the east and west sides of the wing. The porch has an open-work cornice composed of wooden members in an "X" design. The slender turned support posts, plain wooden balustrade and porch floor are of new construction. The porch shelters the two front entrances, located on the main block to the east and west of the front gable wing. The east (main) entrance has a modern door surmounted by a transom.

The narrow horizontal vinyl siding on the house covers the original horizontal wood siding. The foundation is of brick. The boxed, crown molded cornice has a wide overhang. It was altered with the addition of the vinyl siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingle over the original metal covering.

The southeast corner of the two-bay east gable end was removed, creating a right angle indentation. There is a deep roof overhang over this reversed corner. There is a circular window on the first story in the indented area. The one-bay west gable end has an interior stove chimney rising from the gable ridge. The four-bay north (rear) facade shows evidence of the alterations and additions made to the building over time. The 2/2 windows are of irregular sizes. The first three bays are located in the main block. The central entrance is an original door with two upper vertical lights, three lower wood panels, and a wide board surround. A three bay shed roof rear porch shelters the entrance. The porch cornice is open-work, similar to that on the front entrance porch. The roof is supported on slender double chamfered posts of new construction. A brick stove chimney rises from the north slope of the roof. The last bay is in a two story, one bay flat roof projecting addition.

The interior of the Blackman house has been altered and modernized. Original door and window surrounds with banded molding and bull's eye corner blocks were retained. A crown molded baseboard was retained in some areas. The stair has a heavy turned newel post and turned balusters. Doorways on the first and second floors have transoms. The second story has a convex, curved wall, apparently an original feature, between the stair hall and the northeast bedroom.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates 1880 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Blackman House is significant as one of the early houses in the Hyatts Addition to Hyattsville subdivision, platted October, 1873.¹ Israel and Sara Jane Libbey of Washington, D.C., acquired Lots 1 and 2 in the subdivision in 1878 and sold them, with improvements, in 1880.² The Blackman House is located on Lot 1. Lot 1 has had a succession of short term ownership throughout its history. It was assessed for increasing improvement value from 1880 through 1909,³ meaning that built improvements were being added to the property throughout that time. The house has had several substantial additions over its history.

The Blackman House is significant as an example of a Victorian style suburban house. It has sustained substantial alteration on the interior and exterior. However, the retention of the original windows and porches with open-work cornice detail, and sympathetic rehabilitation, has maintained the house as a significant contributor to the Victorian character of this residential section of Hyattsville.

Notes:

¹ Land Records of Prince George's County, Plat A:36.

² Land Records of Prince George's County, HB 14:73; WAJ 1:477.

³ Tax Assessments, Prince George's County, 1888, 1901, 1902, 1905, 1909, Hyattsville District.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 8100 sq. feet

Map 80 Lot 1

Quadrangle name Washington East, E

Quadrangle scale

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Historic Preservation Commission

date June 1986

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city or town Upper Marlboro

state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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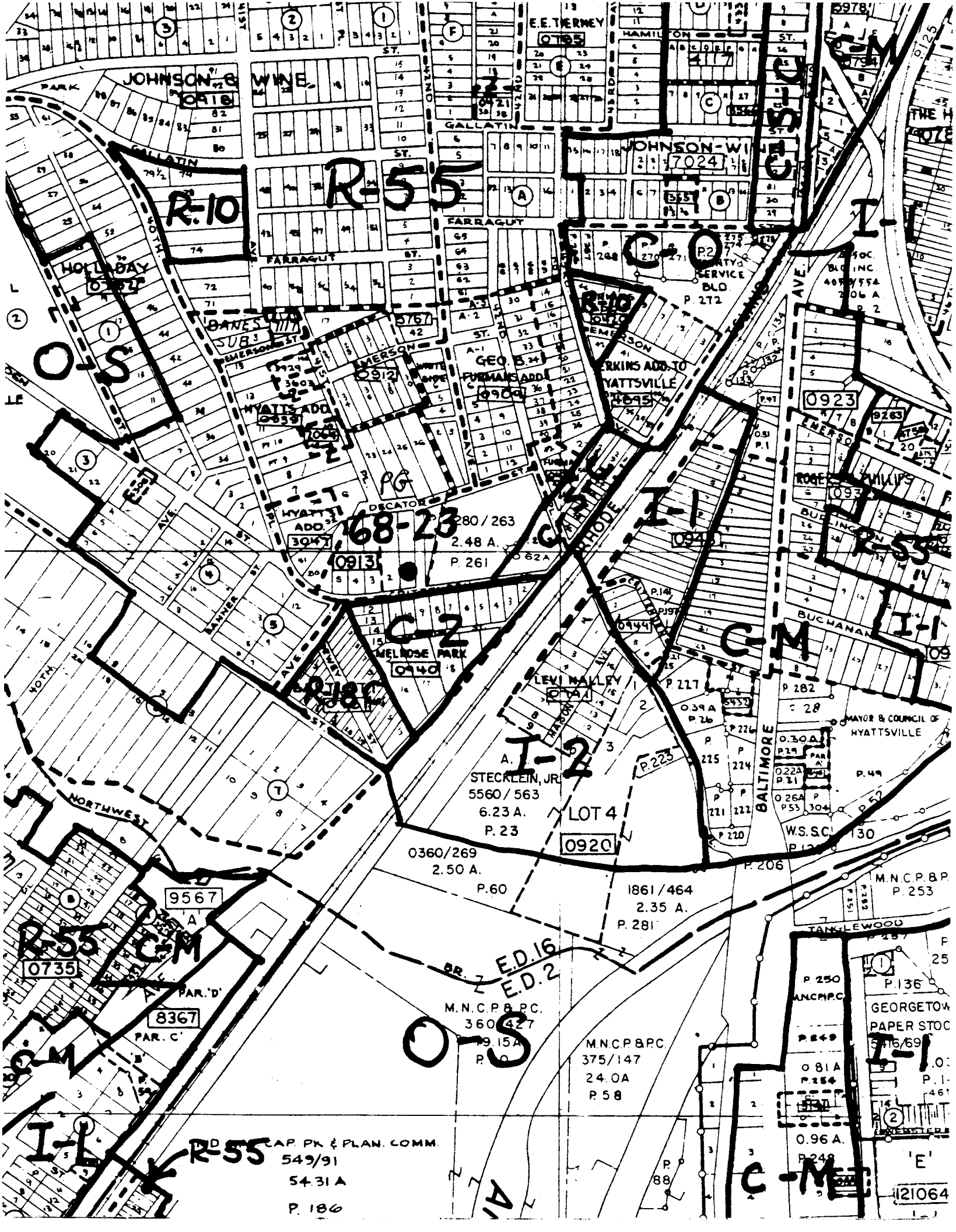
Chain of Title

Blackman House
P.G. #68-23

5646:808 5 Feb 1983 Deed	Jernigan Inc. to James A. Blackman III and James D. McPherson. For \$10.00 the grantor conveys parcel in 16th District, south half of Lot #1, in "Hyatt's Addition to Hyattsville Subdivision - Plat Book A at 36. Actual amount paid \$73,000.00. Same parcel described in 4590:444
4590:444 25 Feb 196? Deed	William A. and Lillian A. Miller to Jernigan, Inc. For \$10.00 grantors convey that parcel, south half of Lot #1 in Hyatt's Addition subdivision, 16th election district. Same as 3796:268.
3796:268 5 Dec 1969 Deed	Nicholas D. and Clara Allocca and John S. and Ingrid G. Devine to William and Lillian Miller. For \$10.00 grantors convey, same recorded in 3346:577, south half of Lot #1, Hyatt's Addition to Hyattsville.
3346:577 21 June 1966 Deed	Ronald P. Grenier to Nicholas D. Allocca and John S. Devine. For \$10.00 grantor conveys south half of Lot #1. Same conveyed 3149:423.
3149:423 18 May 1965 Deed	Elmer F. Blanchard and Mitchell C. Raspberry to Reuben Soler and Ronald Paul Grenier. Default occurred between Barry P. and Marilyn R. Horine to Elmer F. Blanchard and Mitchell C. Raspberry, Trustees. August 21, 1963, 2862:3636. Trustees sold to Reuben Soler for \$2,500.00. Equity case #C-5810. Solar sold title to John Paul Grenier.
2862:363 21 Aug 1963 Deed	Barry P. Horine and Marilyn R. Horine to Elmer F. Blanchard and Mitchell C. Raspberry, Trustees. Grantors indebted to Reuben Soler for \$4,094.00. deed property to secure debt.
2862:362 18 July 1963 Deed	Sue Barragan to Barry Horine, south 1/2 lot #1, Hyatt's Addition to Hyattsville.

2779:393 31 Dec 1962 Deed	Augustine Catalano to Sue Barragon (div) south half lot 1, Hyatt's Addition to Hyattsville, Plat A:36, same 2693:218.
2693:218 11 June 1962 Deed	Joseph E. and Betty Wharton to Augustine and Mary Catalano, south 1/2 lot 1 Hyatt's Addition to Hyattsville, same 1904:503.
1904:503 15 Sept 1955 Deed	Joseph E. and Betty Wharton to Sabre Jane Wharton, mother of Joseph E., south 1/2 of lot 1 Hyatt's Addition to Hyattsville acquired by 1603:492.
1603:492 28 Apr 1953 Deed	Ryland and Frances Wharton to Joseph E. and Sabre Jane Wharton, his mother, south 1/2 lot 1.
805:410 1 March 1946 Deed	Mary A. Wharton to Ryland Wharton, south 1/2 lot #1, Plat 14B #8:176.
765:345 30 Aug 1944 Deed	Beatrice Waxman of D.C. to Mary Wharton, unmarried, south 1/2 Lot 1.
765:235 30 Aug 1944 Deed	Jack Friedlander and Nathan Lubar to Beatrice Waxman, south 1/2 Lot 1, same acquired 724:144.
724:144 5 Jan 1944 Deed	Francis and Mary Mortimer to Jack Friedlander and Nathan Lubar, south 1/2, Lot #1.
604:31 29 Jan 1941 Deed	Hyattsville Building Association to F. and M. Mortimer, south 1/2 of lot 1, same by 408:87.
408:87 13 Jan 1934 Deed	William E. Hutchison assignee to Hyattsville Building Association, public sales 28 Nov. 1933, 320:43.
320:43 2 May 1929 Mortgage	Samuel and Lillian Gusach to Hyattsville Building Association for loan of \$2,500, mortgage south 1/2 lot 1, same acquired from Patrick Lane. 8 Apr. 1929.
336:6 8 Apr 1929 Deed	Patrick Lane to Samuel Gusach, south 1/2 lot 1.

326:211 6 Mar 1929 Deed	Irene Flynn, unmarried to Patrick Lane, south 1/2 Lot 1.
179:417 19 June 1922	Va and Fred Morgan of Hyattsville to William and Sara Moore of D.C., same acquired by 96:71, Lot 1, Hyatt's Addition to Hyattsville subject to mtg. (155:42) \$3K to be assumed.
96:71 4 June 1913 Deed	Clarence and Agnes Kessler to Va Morgan, Lot 1, Hyatt's Addition to Hyattsville.
#20:116 25 May 1904 Mortgage	Agnes and C.S. Kessler to Rachel Burchard, Lot 1, Hyatt's Addition to Hyattsville.
5:83 9 July 1901 Deed	George and Annie Ribble to Anna Burchard for \$3,500 Lot 1, same acquired from Rachel Burchard, 4 Feb. 1897, land subject to \$2,000 mtg., Feb. 1897, JWB #40:45.
JWB #5:239 14 July 1885 Deed	Francis Adella Littlefield to Edwardina Warner, Lots 1 and 2, Hyatt's Addition to Hyattsville.
JWB #5:292 9 Nov 1885 Deed	F.A. and M. Littlefield to Rachel Buchard of D.C., for \$2,500, Lots 1 and 2, Hyatt's Addition to Hyattsville.
WAJ #1:477 1 May 1880 Deed	Israel and Sara Jane Libbey of D.C. to Francis Adella Littlefield of Hyattsville for \$2,500 Lots 1 and 2, each 60 feet by 280 feet with improvements.
HB #14:73 17 Sept 1878 Deed	Fanny Hyatt to Israel Libbey for \$300, all that part of Lot 1, 60' feet on County Road, running back 280' to Maryland Avenue in Hyatt's Addition to Hyattsville. (Agreed that 45' front of lot be kept as lawn).
CSM #3:476 28 Dec 1859 Deed	Thomas Clements and Sara, wife, to C. C. Hyatt. Same which Clements acquired from John Bowie 1846 ___AB #4:440.



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Marina King
February 1986
West elevation
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February 1986
East elevation
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Blackman House
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
February 1986
North elevation, porch detail
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Marina King
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North elevation
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P.G. #68-23

Blackman House
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
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South elevation
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